

SECTION I

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THE FOLLOWING IS AN OVERVIEW
OF ALL PART I CRIMES IN THE
CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

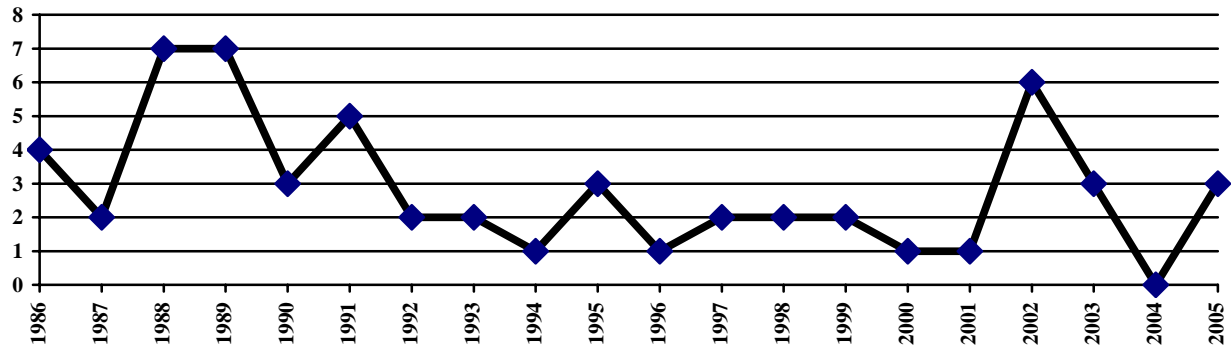


MURDER

OR NON-NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER,

as defined in the Uniform Crime Reporting Program, is the willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another. The classification of this offense, as for all other Crime Index Offenses, is based solely on police investigation, as opposed to the determination of a court, medical examiner, coroner, jury, or other judicial body. Not included in the count for this offense classification are deaths caused by negligence, suicide, or accident; justifiable homicides; and attempts to murder or assaults with the intent to murder, which are scored as aggravated assaults.

**Twenty Year Review:
Murder in Cambridge, 1986-2005**



*Note that this graph represents the total number of individuals murdered in Cambridge, rather than the total number of incidents. (One incident can have multiple victims).

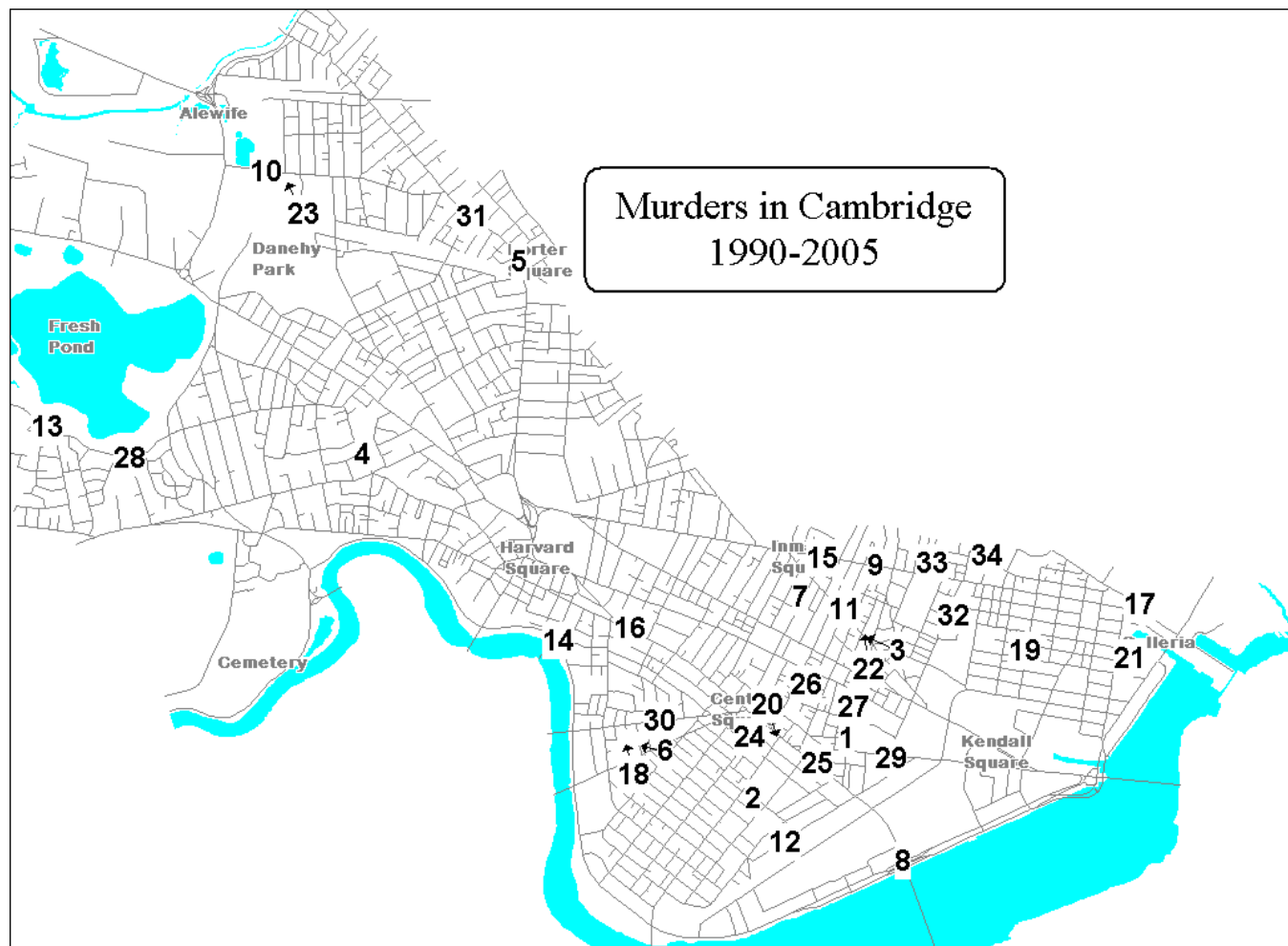
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Three people died in Cambridge in 2005, each a result of a domestic or acquaintance-related incident. Math teacher Andrea Harvey was found strangled in her bedroom in February 2005. Her husband was tracked to North Carolina and arrested for this offense, for which no motive was indicated. In August, eight year old Regina Antoine and her grandmother Benita Antoine, 76, died as a result of a fire set in their building by suspect Kevin Robinson. Robinson, who was a previous tenant of the same building, allegedly had ongoing problems with the building's landlord. Robinson was indicted on murder and arson charges in September of 2005.

CHARACTERISTICS OF MURDER IN CAMBRIDGE

For the 30-year period between 1960 and 1989, the City of Cambridge averaged approximately 5 murders per year. The annual average in the 1990s has fallen to approximately two per year. Nationally, cities of 100,000 residents average 10 murders each year. Trend analysis over the past few years points to three recurring murder scenarios in Cambridge: domestic murder, in which one spouse is brutally killed by the other in a homicidal rage; arguments among the homeless that, often fueled by drugs or alcohol, escalate into deadly violence; and the murder of young males by a handgun or knife in street robberies or drug deals gone awry.

Since 1990, there have been 37 murders in the city of Cambridge. These 37 murders occurred during 34 separate incidents, meaning that in three incidents two people were killed. Of the 37 homicides, 19 of the victims were male (average age of 29) and 18 were female (average age of 42). The most common weapons used in Cambridge murders since 1990 were knives (10 incidents) and handguns (6 incidents). Twelve of the 37 murder cases reported since 1990 are still under investigation. The highest total of homicides in Cambridge in the past 30 years was in 1972 when 14 murders were registered. The following map shows all of the murder locations since 1990.



The map above and table below summarize the 34 incidents of murder—resulting in the deaths of 37 people—between 1990 and 2005.

| Map # | Date & Time | Location | Victim(s) | Offender(s) | Story | Status |
|-------|--------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| 1 | 1/25/90 01:00 | Windsor St. & School St. (Area 4) | Jessie McKie, 21 and Rigoberto Carrion, 30, of Cambridge | Ventrey Gordon, 20, and Sean Lee, 21, of Mattapan. | McKie and Carrion were walking on the street when a group of men approached them. The men tried to steal McKie's leather jacket and stabbed both victims to death. | Gordon and Lee both convicted of murder. One other man convicted of accessory to murder. A fourth man tried and acquitted. |
| 2 | 4/3/90 00:00 to 06:00 | 100 Pacific St. (Cambridgeport) | Jacqueline W. Blenman, 39, of Cambridge | Unknown | The victim was found strangled and dumped on the street. | Unsolved |
| 3 | 3/15/91 23:00 | 97 Hampshire St. (Inman/Harrington) | Uri Woods, 29, of Cambridge | Unknown | The victim was shot to death on the street. | Unsolved |
| 4 | 4/4/91 20:58 | Sparks St. & Brewster St. (West Cambridge) | Mary Joe Frug, 49, of Cambridge | A white male in his 20's in a black leather jacket | Frug was walking a few blocks from her residence when an unknown assailant stabbed her to death. | Unsolved |

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| 5 | 5/7/91 | Porter Square (North Cambridge) | Derrick Chance, 24, of Cambridge | Courtney Lewis, 24, of Cambridge | The victim was slashed to death with a razor during an argument in a fast food restaurant. | Lewis was convicted of manslaughter. |
| 6 | 9/29/91 03:30 | 16 Mildred Hamilton Pl. (Riverside) | Bobbie Schley, 45, of Cambridge | Morris King, 48, of Barbados | Schley was stabbed to death in an argument with King, her boyfriend. | King was convicted of murder. |
| 7 | 12/5/91 15:00 | 162 Hampshire St. (Area 4) | Esther Olofson, 49, of Cambridge | Unknown | Olofson was reported missing by her friends and family. Her body was later found in her bed. She had apparently been strangled. | Unsolved |
| 8 | 9/19/92 20:30 | Massachusetts Av. & Memorial Dr. (MIT) | Yngye Raustein, 21, an MIT student | Shon McHugh, 16; Joseph Donovan, 17; and Alfredo Velez, 18, all of Cambridge | Raustein was stabbed to death in a robbery gone sour. | All three suspects were convicted of murder |
| 9 | 11/28/92 00:30 | Cambridge St. & Columbia St. (Inman/Harrington) | Tyrone Phoenix, 18, of Dorchester | Shawn Carter, 21, of Cambridge | Phoenix and other youths were driving in Cambridge. When they came to a stoplight, Carter came over and tapped on the window. After being told to get away from the car, he pulled out a pistol and started shooting. | Carter was convicted of murder |
| 10 | 9/22/93 21:30 | 324 Rindge Ave. (North Cambridge) | Michael Garner, 23, of Cambridge | Three young black males | Michael Garner was walking home when three young black males confronted him and tried to rob him of his gold chains. The robbery went astray, and Garner was shot twice and killed. | Unsolved |
| 11 | 9/25/93 19:30 | 160 Elm St. (Inman/Harrington) | Rosalie Whalen, 54, of Cambridge | Dennis Whalen, 54, of Cambridge | Whalen bludgeoned his wife to death with a hammer. | Whalen was convicted of murder |
| 12 | 3/31/94 16:00 | Rear of CASPAR shelter, 240 Albany St. (Cambridgeport) | Edward Semino | Unknown | The victim was beaten to death in a fight between homeless people. | Unsolved |
| 13 | 1/24/95 | 700 Huron Ave. (Strawberry Hill) | Claire Downing, 60, of Cambridge | Ken Downing, 62, of Cambridge | Downing beat his wheelchair-bound wife to death with a blunt object. | Downing was tried and convicted of murder |
| 14 | 5/30/95 08:00 | Harvard University Dunster House (Riverside) | Trang Phuong Ho, 22, Harvard student | Sinedu Tadesse, Harvard student | After Ho told Tadesse she did not want to room with her the following year, Tadesse stabbed Ho to death and then hung herself. | Tadesse committed suicide. |
| 15 | 8/9/95 15:30 | 304 Prospect St. (Inman/Harrington) | Lilia Fagundes, 42, owner of market | Black male, 15-16 years old, with a thin build | Fagundes was shot to death in her store, possibly in a robbery gone awry | Unsolved |
| 16 | 11/22/96 18:40 | 1033 Massachusetts Ave. (Mid-Cambridge) | Laurence Cooper, 50s, a homeless veteran | Richard Kachadorian, 50, of Cambridge | Kachadorian stabbed Cooper in the throat and chest during a street argument. | Kachadorian was tried and convicted of murder |
| 17 | 3/26/97 01:25 | East Street trailer yards (East Cambridge) | Helena Gardner, 19, homeless | Nicole Fernandes, 19, homeless; Randy Williams, homeless; Mark McCray, homeless | Fernandes lured Gardner, with the promise of a drink, to an abandoned trailer. Fernandes bound Gardner to a chair, whipped her with a metal rod and rose thorns, and then bludgeoned her to death with a sledgehammer before setting the trailer on fire. The two men watched. | All three suspects were convicted of murder. |
| 18 | 8/19/97 20:55 | Hoyt Field (Riverside) | Benny Rosa, 19, of Cambridge | Anthony Cole, 20, and Craig Joseph, 25, of Boston | Cole and Joseph encountered each other in Hoyt Field and fired on each other. Rosa was caught in the crossfire. Two others were wounded. | Cole was convicted of 1 st degree murder and Joseph was convicted of 2 nd degree murder. |
| 19 | 10/16/98 10:56 | 157 Fifth St. (East Cambridge) | Joseph Beranger, 64, and Mary Beranger, 64, of California | John J. Hinds, 56, of Cambridge | Hinds and his half-brother, Joseph, and sister were involved in an on-going dispute over their mother and her residence. At the time of the incident, Joseph and his wife Mary were on their way to see their mother. Hinds got there first, an argument ensued, and Hinds shot his sister in the head. Then he fatally shot Joseph and Mary Beranger. | Hinds was convicted of 1 st degree murder. |

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| 20 | 9/18/99 03:15 | 496 Massachusetts Ave. (Cambridgeport) | Colin Burton, 30, of Dorchester | 2 or more black males in a Ford Explorer | Burton and two friends stopped at Hi-Fi Pizza in Central Square. A green Ford Explorer pulled up outside the restaurant. While Burton was talking with the occupants, he banged on the hood of the vehicle. The man in the passenger seat fired through the open window, striking Burton once in the chest. Burton died the following Monday. | Under active investigation |
| 21 | 12/23/99 17:10 | CambridgeSide Galleria parking garage (East Cambridge) | Gary M. Chatelain, 20, of Roslindale | Jose N. Correia, 20, of Roxbury | Chatelain and Correia, known to each other, were part of two groups involved in a fight in the garage. Correia shot Chatelain in the chest. | Correia was convicted of manslaughter. |
| 22 | 7/6/2000 02:06 | 101 Hampshire St. (Inman/ Harrington) | Jeffrey Williams, 33, of Cambridge | Frederick J. Howard, 22, of Cambridge | Police responded to a call that someone had been shot in the leg at 101 Hampshire St. Once on scene Williams was found shot in the chest and died later at Mass General Hospital. A suspect identified as Howard was seen running away from the scene. The victim had called a friend stating that the man and woman he was out with were arguing and that he had escorted the woman back to her residence. | Pled guilty to voluntary manslaughter. |
| 23 | 1/7/2001 14:30 | Jefferson Park (North Cambridge) | 11-month old female | John Forbes, 30, of Roxbury | Cambridge police and fire units responded to an apartment in Jefferson Park. When officers arrived, they found an eleven-month-old baby lying on the bed unresponsive and not breathing. The baby was transported to the hospital, but later died. The baby's father, John Forbes of Roxbury stated that the baby had choked on an orange peel. The medical examiner determined that the infant had died from massive trauma to her head, consistent with "shaken baby" syndrome. | Forbes was convicted of 2 nd degree murder. |
| 24 | 2/11/2002 14:30 | 522 Massachusetts Ave. (Cambridgeport) | Azedine Lachhab, 42, of East Boston | Jason Girouard, 32, of Waltham | Lachhab died after 11 days in the hospital from severe head trauma that resulted from a fight at the Hi-Fi in Central Square. | Girouard was found not guilty at trial. |
| 25 | 4/5/2002 | 315 Massachusetts Ave. (Area 4) | Ian Gray, 19, of Mattapan | Black male | An argument that transpired inside the Rhythm & Spice restaurant spilled out onto Mass Ave. One person left the scene of the argument and then returned with 7-8 more people when a fight ensued. A knife was produced during the fight, and four gunshots were fired, fatally wounding Gray. | Under Active Investigation |
| 26 | 4/17/2002 | 16 Worcester St. (Area 4) | Desiree Saunders, 36, of Cambridge | Scott Saunders, 37, of Cambridge | Police arrived to the scene to find the victim lying on her back in her bed with gunshot wounds. Her assailant and husband was found at the foot of the bed with one gunshot wound to his head after he had committed suicide. | Scott Saunders committed suicide. |
| 27 | 6/17/2002 | 167 Windsor St. (Area 4) | Ricardo Williams, 27, of Malden | Unknown | Police responded to possible gunshots to find Williams in the driver's seat of a 2002 Infiniti with gunshot wounds to the left side of his face. Williams was taken to Cambridge City Hospital where he was pronounced dead. | Under Active Investigation |
| 28 | 6/18/2002 | Aberdeen Ave. & Huron Ave. (Strawberry Hill) | Sean A. Howard, 19, of Dorchester | Andrew Power-Koch, 20, of Cambridge | Power-Koch confessed to accidentally shooting his best friend, Howard, in the chest at the railroad track area of Aberdeen Ave. | Power-Koch was found guilty of manslaughter. |
| 29 | 10/21/2002 | 29 Newtowne Ct. (Area 4) | Gregory Robinson of Boston | Anthony Jakes, 23, of Milton | Robinson and Jakes got into an altercation in front of the victim's apartment. Jakes then stabbed Robinson and fled. Jakes later turned himself into police custody. Robinson was taken to Mass General Hospital where he died the following day. | Jakes was found not guilty at trial. |

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| 30 | 4/12/2003 | Western Ave. & Jay St. (Riverside) | Michael Colono, 18, of Cambridge | Alexander Pring-Wilson, 25, of Cambridge | Colono and Pring-Wilson were outside of the Pizza Ring when they got into a verbal altercation. The altercation escalated and Pring-Wilson stabbed Colono to death. | Pring-Wilson pled self defense but was found guilty at trial. He is currently out on bail awaiting a retrial. |
| 31 | 6/8/2003 | 2067 Mass. Ave. (North Cambridge) | Robert Scott, 26, of Cambridge | Markendy Jean, 26, of Malden | Scott was waiting for the bus with his girlfriend when Jean started shooting at him. Scott ran into the parking lot of the Kentucky Fried Chicken while Jean continued to shoot, striking him and killing him on scene. Jean fled to Florida but later turned himself in to authorities. | Awaiting Trial |
| 32 | 11/24/2003 | 124 Berkshire St. (Inman/Harrington) | Mary Toomey, 75, of Cambridge | Anthony DiBenedetto, 47, of Cambridge | DiBenedetto had been living with Toomey for about seven years when they got into an argument and DiBenedetto stabbed Toomey in the neck. Toomey fell to the ground and DiBenedetto then stabbed her in the back two times and put her body in a duffle bag. Police later found the duffle bag in Toomey's apartment and arrested DiBenedetto. | Convicted to life in prison. |
| 33 | 2/24/2005 | 152 Berkshire St. (Inman/ Harrington) | Andrea Harvey, 27, of Cambridge | Damien Linton, of Cambridge | Linton was charged with strangling his wife of one year. Her body was found by her parents in her apartment in Inman Square. | Currently awaiting trial |
| 34 | 8/6/2005 | 17 Warren St. (Inman/ Harrington) | Regina Antoine, 8 & Benita Antoine, 76, both of Cambridge | Kevin Robinson, of Cambridge | Robinson was charged with murder and arson after using gasoline to light a building on fire, causing the deaths of a grandmother and her young granddaughter. | Currently awaiting trial. |

MURDER ACROSS THE STATE & NATION IN 2004*

In 2004, the FBI's Uniform Crime Reports reported an estimated 16,137 murders nationwide, representing a decrease of 2.4% from the 16,528 homicides recorded in 2003. When population is taken into account, the murder rate decreased 3.3% from the previous year.

Across the nation, female murder victims typically make up approximately 23% of the total number of victims while males approximate 77%. By comparison, Cambridge has a higher percentage of female murder victims, probably due to our relatively low number of gang-related homicides, in which the victims are usually male. The average male murder victim nationwide is in his mid-20s and the average female murder victim is either in her early 20s or late 30s. Male murder victims in Cambridge are usually in their mid-20s, consistent with the national trend; however female victims are usually close to 40 years old.

The murder rate in Massachusetts is far below that for the nation as a whole. On average, Massachusetts reports 2.2 murders per 100,000 residents, while the national rate (in 2004) is 5.5 per 100,000. Boston experiences the majority of the state's homicides, as it did in 2004 with 61 homicides, up 56% from 2003. Of the towns surrounding Cambridge (Watertown, Belmont, Arlington, Somerville, and Brookline) only Somerville reported any homicides (3) in 2004.

**Statistics for 2005 are not yet available.*